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1. OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE SUGGEST TO US THAT WHILE THEY ARE GIVING NOMINAL SUPPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OF SOUTH KOREA, THEIR HEART ISN'T IN IT, AND THEY ARE MORE THAN LIKELY TO ABANDON US IF IT COMES TO A CRUNCH, WHICH IT WILL.

2. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT THEY RECOGNIZE AN IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD BE A DEADLOCK OVER ADOPTING A PROVISIONAL AGENDA, SUCH THAT NO ACTION IS TAKEN ON ANY APPLICATION. BUT WE HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCE THAT THE JAPANESE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD OUT IN THE FACE OF FORMIDABLY COMPLEX PROCEDURAL MANEUVERING. THERE IS, FOR EXAMPLE, AT LEAST ONE PROCEDURAL QUESTION ON WHICH WE HAVE SOLID SUPPORT OF PRECEDENT.

YET BY FOUR O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON THE AMBASSADOR WAS DESCRIBING IT AS "VERY COMPLEX." HE IS FRIENDLY AND COMPETENT, EVEN SKILLFUL.

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BUT HE HARDLY GIVES US THE IMPRESSION OF AN ENVOY WHOSE GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED HIM TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES.

3. THIS SEEMS TO ME AN ISSUE FOR THE SUMMIT.
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